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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR LEBANON: REORGANIZING  
LEBANON'S TELEPHONE SYSTEM

REF: (A) STATE 037956, (B) BEIRUT 0401

1. EMBASSY HAS STUDIED REFTTEL AND SECTIONS 607 AND 661  
OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. BEFORE APPROACHING GOL, WOULD  
APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. ARE SECTION 661 GRANT FUNDS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE  
FOR LEBANON? IF SO, HOW MUCH?

B. MUST ALL THREE OF THE CRITERIA LISTED IN PARA 1  
REF A FOR USE OF THESE FUNDS BE MET OR ONLY ONE OF THE  
THREE?

C. HOW IS COST OF SERVICES THAT MIGHT BE PROVIDED  
TO GOL UNDER SECTION 607 COMPUTED?

2. LEBANON TODAY WANTS AND NEEDS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN  
A VARIETY OF FIELDS, INCLUDING TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND TRANS-  
PORTATION. IF USG WERE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SOME FUNDS FOR  
THIS PURPOSE, IT CERTAINLY MIGHT LEAD TO "FOLLOW-ON SALE  
OF US GOODS AND/OR SERVICES" AND POSSIBLY TO FURTHER  
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INVOLVEMENT BY USG ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS. ON THE OTHER  
HAND, GOL MAY NOT BE INTERESTED IN PAYING FOR SUCH SERVICES  
SINCE MANY OTHER COUNTRIES ARE OFFERING FREE TECHNICAL  
ADVICE IN HOPE AND EXPECTATION OF FOLLOW-ON COMMERCIAL  
SALES. (EXAMPLES: BRITISH-PORT DEVELOPMENT; BELGIANS--  
RAILROAD MODERNIZATION AND EXPANSION; FRENCH--URBAN PLANNING  
AND REDEVELOPMENT FOR CENTER-CITY BEIRUT). IT WOULD

GIVE AN IMPORTANT BOOST TO US COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES  
IF WE COULD DO THE SAME.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT AND AID'S ADVICE ON HOW USG  
COULD RESPOND MOST EFFECTIVELY TO LEBANESE INTEREST IN US  
TECHNOLOGY WITH THE TWIN GOALS OF ASSISTING LEBANON'S  
ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND MAXIMIZING OPPORTUNITIES FOR US  
FIRMS TO BENEFIT FROM RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT  
ACTIVITIES IN LEBANON.

4. RE PARA 2 REFTTEL, HAS ENGELSON RESPONDED ON POSSIBLE  
IESC INVOLVEMENT IN TELEPHONE PROJECT?  
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